



## MEDIA RELEASE

# Community group to donate \$60,000 to St John Ambulance

**20 May 2009.** St John (NSW) will accept a generous donation of \$60,000, presented by The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. during a ceremony to be held on Thursday, 21 May at Zilver Restaurant in Sydney.

The amount was raised as a result of the Charity Ball 2009 held on 7 March this year at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, and will contribute to the purchase of first aid equipment required for St John volunteers to perform their community duties.

Sean Gavin, CEO of St John (NSW) said that organisations such as The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. contribute significantly in supporting the activities of St John (NSW) in the community.

“St John is a self-funded charity that does not rely on Government grants. Our main source of revenue comes from the sale of our first aid courses and kits. In turn, these proceeds fund our many community activities.

“However, there are times when demands on our services are greater than the resources available. That is when organisations such as The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. play a vital role”, Mr Gavin said.

According to Dr Anthony Cheung, President of The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese, St John touches the Chinese community in many ways.

“St John volunteers not only provide first aid at events our families attend but also maintain Community Care initiatives, which involve the Chinese community.”

“We are honoured to be able to present this cheque to St John (NSW)”, Dr Cheung said.

In 2008, when St John Ambulance Australia celebrated 125 years of service, over 4,000 volunteers provided more than 450,000 hours of voluntary service across the state in the areas of first aid, early literacy, immunisation and ophthalmic care.

Over the past 14 years, The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese has raised over \$300,000 in aid of various charity organisations including St John (NSW), Westmead Children’s Hospital, the Fred Hollows Foundation, the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia and the Australian Red Cross.

For more information on Sydney Chinese Lions, please visit [www.sydchineselions.org.au](http://www.sydchineselions.org.au) or to know more about St John (NSW), please visit [www.stjohnnsw.com.au](http://www.stjohnnsw.com.au) or call 1300 360 455.

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**MEDIA OPPORTUNITY:** A press conference will be held Thursday, 21 May 2009 at 12 noon, Zilver Restaurant, Level 1, Cnr Pitt and Hay Streets, Chinatown where St John (NSW) will be presented with the proceeds from the Charity Ball.

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